MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: There was only one general committee, and several sub committees. I was a member of the general committee.

Melampara M. P. School.

402. ✻ MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will tht Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the acquisition proceedings for the site of the Melampara M. P. School have been completed:

(*b*) if not, why;

(*c*) when was the old building demolished; and

(*d* whether the present shed is sufficient to protect the school children from sun and rain?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The acquisition proceedings are in progress.

(*c*) The building was disposed of in public auction on 28-9-1117.

(*d*) Yes.

Goods imported into Travancore.

403. ✻ MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have collected figures for the value of goods imported into Travancore produced in British India, Cochin and foreign countries; and

(*b*) if so, the figures for the year 1120 and 1121?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The figures are noted below :—

Value of imports.	*1120*	*1121* (first 8 months.)
From	Rs.	Rs.
British India ...	2,497 lakhs.	1,535 lakhs,
Cochin ...	20 do.	68 do.
Foreign countries...	271 do.	397 do.

Distribution of Sugar.

404. ✻ MR. V. I. IDICULA (*Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of bags of sugar allotted per month for distribution in Pathanamthitta taluk?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Ninety bags.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: കാരോ താലൂക്കകളിലേയും ജനസംഖ്യ അനുസരിച്ചാണോ പഞ്ചസാര വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നത് ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അല്ല.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: പത്തനംതിട്ട താലൂക്കിൽ പഞ്ചസാരവിതരണത്തിനു കൊടുക്കുന്നതു വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നറിയാമോ ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അങ്ങനെ അറിവില്ല.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want to know whether there is any appreciable reduction in the quantity imported and the quantity allotted during the course of this year ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: There is appreciable reduction in the quantity imported and consequently there is reduction in the quantity allotted.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the basis on which the distribution is made among the various taluks ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: It depends upon a number of factors. In certain taluks, we have municipalities, educational institutions, hostels, and important Government offices. In those places naturally the quantity allotted will be larger than in certain other taluks.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether preference is given to municipalities ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes. To some extent preference is given to municipal areas because normally the standard of life of those in those areas is naturally higher than in the villages.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the direction given by the member as to how this is to be distributed in the various localities ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What is the direction ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: The direction is that the main proportion of allotment must be utilised for general distribution on the basis of the means and standard of life of the consumer and a small portion may be reserved for special supplies in cases of emergencies.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the standard of life in rural areas is far lower than in urban areas ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Ordinarily, not in all cases.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: വിതരണം ചെയ്യാതെ ഡിപ്പോകളിൽ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പഞ്ചസാര അലിഞ്ഞുപോകുന്നതായിട്ട് മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: സാധാരണ അങ്ങനെ അലിഞ്ഞു പോകാറില്ല.

Supply of Sugar.

405. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of sugar imported into the State during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively; and

(*b*) the quantity allotted for the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad during these years ?

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